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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8716**  
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Serial No. 10/000,096 : Group Art Unit 1644  
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SPECIFIC ANTIBODY DIRECTED TO  
ACTIVE HEPATOCYTE GROWTH  
FACTOR ACTIVATOR AND METHOD  
FOR USING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Amendment & Reply is in complete response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003, and is being filed on or before its now current due date of March 19, 2004. Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.